



**STAR SLAIN:** David Akeman, 57, the "Stringbean" of Nashville's Grand Ole Opry and the network television show "Hee-Haw," was found shot to death Sunday at his suburban Nashville home. Akeman's wife, Estelle, 59, was also slain in what police said was an apparent robbery-murder. (AP Wirephoto)

## Hee Haw's 'Stringbean,' Wife Slain

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Country music star David "Stringbean" Akeman and his wife had \$5,700 in cash hidden on them when they were murdered in what was believed to be a burglary, a police source said today.

The bodies of Stringbean, a star of "Hee Haw" and the Grand Ole Opry whose sad face and funny wardrobe endeared him to country music fans, and his wife were found Sunday morning by L. M. "Grampa" Jones, a fellow country music star and a long-time friend.

The police source said a funeral home employee had found \$3,500 in Stringbean's bib overalls and \$2,200 in Mrs. Akeman's clothing.

The source said the money previously had been overlooked by investigators and apparently by the killers, who police believe were burglars surprised by Stringbean when he and his wife returned to their rural home following Saturday night's Opry.

"It looks as if Stringbean was shot after he opened the door," said detective Lt. Tom Cathey. "Mrs. Akeman was apparently shot as she tried to flee."

Jones, who drove to the Akeman home to join Stringbean on a hunting trip, said he found Mrs. Akeman's body lying beside a driveway. He said he found Stringbean's body lying face down on the floor of his house. Nearby in the doorway lay his banjo.

"They were our best friends," Jones said. "We've known them for over 30 years. I really feel sorry for the people who did this."

Police said the three-room house had been ransacked and some of Mrs. Akeman's personal effects were missing.

Friends had said earlier that Stringbean was well off financially and often carried large

sums of cash.

"He used to carry from \$500 to \$1,500 with him in his bib overalls," said friend and Opry regular Bill Carlisle. "About three months ago I patted him where he used to keep his wad, and he said he didn't carry it anymore."

Stringbean was known to country music fans for his unique stage costume, an overlong shirt sewn to short trousers midway between his waist and knees. His banjo, sad face, pinched eyebrows and tattered straw hat completed the ensemble.

Stringbean's music career started at the age of 13 when he and a friend made a banjo. He left his home in Annville, Ky., when he was 18 to tour with Lew Childre.

He came to the Opry in 1942 with Bill Monroe. He later joined the television series "Hee Haw" but maintained his close ties with the Opry and appeared there frequently. His humor was droll and soft spoken, and he was often a straight man for other stars' jokes.

Police said they were looking for two or more persons but had made no arrests. They searched Stringbean's 143-acre farm, which includes a 10-room home in which the Akemans did not live, and used dogs to retrace the steps of the assailants.



**CELEBRATES 100 YEARS:** Mrs. Cecylia Osinski celebrated her 100th birthday Sunday at a party given by friends and relatives in her honor. But for Mrs. Osinski's 8-month-old great-great-granddaughter, Heather Osinski, the commotion over the birthday cake was enough to make a baby cry. (AP Wirephoto)

## Nixon, GOP Leaders To Meet

### Is President Opening Up On Watergate?

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Nixon, intensifying efforts to explain his side of the Watergate matter to congressional Republicans, has scheduled a half-dozen meetings with GOP legislators this week.

The meetings, disclosed Sunday by Sen. Charles H. Percy, R-Ill., and confirmed by a Nixon spokesman, are in addition to a previously planned White House breakfast with the Republican Coordinating Committee today.

Speaking on the NBC program "Meet the Press," Percy said every GOP member of Congress would attend one of the six meetings, and "at least nine hours will be spent by the President being interrogated by members of the Congress."

The White House said three meetings would be held with House Republicans and three with GOP senators. Nixon eventually will meet with some Democratic congressmen, but no schedule for that has been set, it said. Nixon had conferred with GOP leaders of Congress Friday.

A presidential spokesman said Nixon wanted "to have full and open communications" with the Republican legislators "on Watergate-related matters and on other matters as well."

The lawmakers will be able to ask questions, and such White House locations as the state dining room and the library have been chosen so as to make the atmosphere less formal than the President's office, the spokesman said.

"I think this is the beginning of full and total disclosure," Percy said. "Anything related to the possibility of criminal activity should and must be revealed. I think the President is prepared to do this now."

Sen. Howard H. Baker, R-Tenn., top Republican on the Senate Watergate Committee, told reporters in Cranston, R.I., Sunday he hoped that from the conferences "there might grow the possibility that we can ... find a way to resolve some of the fact issues that have arisen in the Watergate hearings."

"Anything we get will be bet-

ter than the situation as we have it now," Baker said.

Nixon returned to the White House Sunday afternoon after a weekend stay at his Camp David mountaintop retreat in Maryland. Aides said the President cabled congratula-

tions to Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger on the Middle East truce agreement and gave Kissinger further instructions for his current talks in Peking.

Interviewed Sunday on the CBS network's "Face the Nation," Acting Atty. Gen. Robert

H. Bork said he saw no possibility that Nixon would fire Leon Jaworski, who replaced the dismissed Archibald Cox as special Watergate prosecutor.

"I don't think that is even a possibility," Bork said. "I don't think the President will fire Mr. Jaworski."

In other Watergate-related developments:

—The Senate Watergate Committee plans to resume its public hearings Tuesday with testimony from officials of six companies involved in questionable contributions to Nixon's 1972 reelection campaign.

—A nationwide poll published in this week's issue of Time magazine indicated that 49 per cent of the American people

want Nixon to remain in office, an 11 per cent drop from an August sampling. Those calling for his resignation rose from 20 to 29 per cent, while those favoring impeachment remained steady at 10 per cent. The other 12 per cent was undecided.

—An editorial published in student newspapers at 84 colleges and universities and sent to members of Congress today called for the President's removal from office. The editorial, drafted by the newspaper Amherst Student of Amherst College, said "the impeachment of Richard Nixon is a prerequisite to the restoration of confidence in our system of government."



SENATOR PERCY  
Tells Nixon Plan



**HENRY IN HEAVEN:** Chinese Deputy Foreign Minister Chiao Kuan-hue escorts U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger from the Temple of Heaven in Peking, Monday. Kissinger met later with Chinese Premier Chou En-lai for the third time in three days. (AP Wirephoto)

## How Energy Crisis Crept Up On Globe

By WILLIAM L. RYAN  
AP Special Correspondent

As winter nears, citizens of the United States, a bit stunned, are asked to dim the bright lights of their cities, slow their automobiles and shiver a bit in an unaccustomed chill in their homes.

Optimists said it couldn't happen. Only recently, many Americans saw the energy crisis as more talk than reality.

Police said they were looking for two or more persons but had made no arrests. They searched Stringbean's 143-acre farm, which includes a 10-room home in which the Akemans did not live, and used dogs to retrace the steps of the assailants.

But it happened, well ahead of the schedule projected by the pessimists. Now the energy crisis has Americans, West Europeans, Japanese and others wondering what hit them.

The bewilderment is understandable. In terms of history, it happened suddenly. A generation ago, Americans would have scoffed at the notion that their daily lives could be radically affected by exotic lands they customarily regarded as backward, lands not quite out of the feudal stage, ruled by robed princes.

People of rich nations for years were accustomed to the comfortable feeling that the earth held plenty of oil. It would always be there, so why the talk of crisis?

The answer lies in an all but unbelievable story of a relatively few recent years. In those years, oil created a vast, ramified, bafflingly complicated industry that dominated the world energy picture and produced phenomenal changes in a brief historical time.

Because oil was cheap to produce in desert lands and expensive to recover elsewhere, the arid realms of the Arab sheiks gradually developed political wallop, but only lately have they demonstrated its power to stagger the rich man's world.

The first Middle East oil was discovered in Iran in 1908 and exploited by the Anglo-Iranian Oil Co., forerunner of British Petroleum. The first Arab oil gushed in Iraq in 1914.

Already late into their automobile age, Americans were late. They got a concession from

King Ibn Saud in 1933 and five years later discovered vast deposits in Saudi Arabia. New discoveries were made in Kuwait and elsewhere about the same time. But in 1946, total Middle East oil output was still only 700,000 barrels a day. However, it was about to rise sharply.

A bubbly ferment in the wake of establishment of the State of Israel in the heart of the Arab world called attention forcefully to the area's immense strategic importance. Big powers began gradually to revise their thinking about oil reserves.

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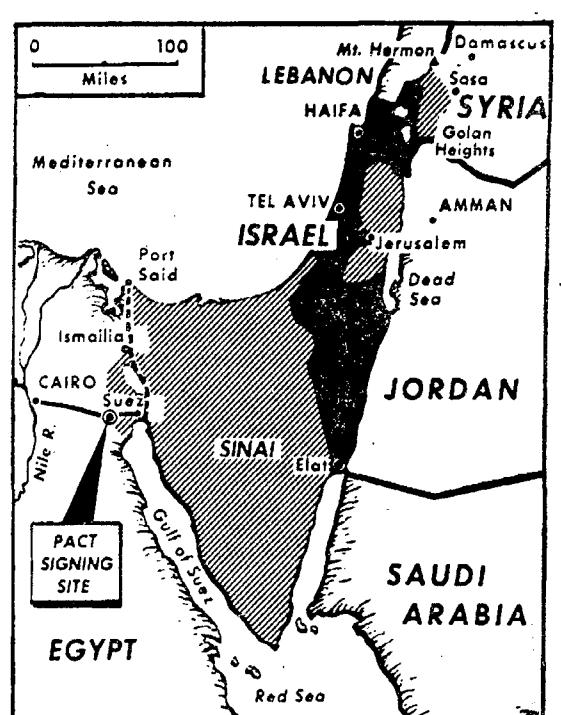
Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger may propose a treaty in which the U.S. government would guarantee to defend Israel if attacked, American officials with Kissinger in Peking after signing the agreement for Israel.

"We are at the beginning of a new phase in our history and struggle to liberate our usurped lands," said Egypt's war

minister, Lt. Gen. Ahmed Ismail.

U.S. officials in Peking with Kissinger confirmed reports that Israel and Egypt would begin indirect talks about a peace agreement in December in Geneva. They said the two delegations would be under the same roof but would not face each other at the start. Instead,

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**PACT SIGNED:** Egypt and Israel have signed a pact Sunday to end their fighting in the Middle East 60 miles east of Cairo on the border of Israeli-occupied Egypt on the Cairo-to-Suez road. Black areas on may indicate Israeli territory before the 1967 conflict. Shaded areas show areas taken by Israel in 1967 fighting and in the current conflict. (AP Wirephoto)

## Monoxide Kills Six Teenagers

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Six teen-agers, two in St. Clair Shores near Detroit and four in Kalamazoo County's Comstock Township, all died of carbon monoxide poisoning over the weekend, authorities report.

Kalamazoo County authorities said Sunday four teenagers found dead in an auto Saturday probably succumbed to auto exhaust fumes because the car in which they were found had a faulty exhaust system. The muffler was found in the trunk.

The dead were identified as Philip Lockner and Robert Anderson, both 18, and Judy Ann Van Avery and Cindy Sternaman, both 14. All were township residents.

In St. Clair Shores, police said Ross Riley, 19, and Linda Swerdien, 17, were found dead in a garage Sunday.

Police said Riley's body was near a door as though he were trying to escape. Miss Swerdien was found in a car.

# THE HERALD-PRESS

## Editorial Page

W. J. Banyon, Editor and Publisher  
Bert Lindenfeld, Managing Editor

# Milliken Revives Land Planning

Last week Governor Milliken forwarded a special message to the legislature asking for quick action on an omnibus environmental program for Michigan.

He is specific on parts of it and speaks in generalities on its larger, long range aspect.

He wants tax relief for shoreline owners being eaten up by The Great Lakes' high levels and storms, tax adjustment to encourage farmers to continue in agriculture rather than subdividing their acreage, and a closing of the loopholes in a recently adopted Subdivision Control Act.

The legislature, he feels, should move on those points before the year end.

The second portion of his recommendation is a master land use plan for the entire state.

Milliken unveiled the program last year. It rests in legislative committee under the official title of House Bill 5055.

The bill's outline regionalizes Michigan's 36 million acres of ground into allowable uses.

It ropes off some areas for wildlife conservation, some for recreational purposes, others for residential development, still others for commercial and industrial activity. Excluding the first category, some vicinities would be permitted mixed usage.

Enforcement of the program would be vested in a Lansing bureau created for that purpose.

Opposition to the tight control first proposed by the Governor has caused Milliken to amend it by having the state set the standards and requiring the local governmental units, with a minimum of discretionary authority, to enforce it.

As we read the Governor's message, the program would work in this manner:

Assume the state standards decree Berrien county to be basically an agricultural community with the leeway to subdivide farm land within five miles of existing city or village

## New U.S. Law Should Make Boating Safer

The tremendous growth of pleasure boating has brought rising concern about boating safety. Proper safety regulation was neglected for a long time, but this is being rectified by federal law.

One important set of rules newly in effect has to do with life jackets and other flotation devices. In the past, many boat owners took little note of the need for such things no matter what the size of the craft. Now the federal regulations stipulate that every boat over 16 feet long must be equipped with at least one of several approved wearable devices.

The only exceptions are canoes and kayaks, but even boats of this kind must carry one throwable flotation device such as a ring lifebuoy or a buoyant cushion. All other craft must carry buoyant vests or other wearable life preservers. The law's requirements are not satisfied by inner tubes, wet suits or ski belts, and these do not have Coast Guard approval.

The regulations are sensible and easily complied with. Having such devices as standard boating equipment ought to bring a substantial reduction in the number of boating tragedies.

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limits and perhaps also to locate industrial plants within that belt.

Before a developer could start selling lots in Ozone Heights just outside of town or a manufacturer could erect a factory within that belt line, each would have to satisfy the township or county zoning board that the improvement is as ecologically sound as the new tax base it would create, perhaps even sounder. Deviation from the state imposed standards would be minimal at best.

In one respect the approach merely applies statewide what most city and township zoning ordinances attempt to accomplish within a small area.

It would, or certainly has the potential, to eliminate what Milliken correctly points up as a major defect in local zoning. This is its failure to coordinate with adjoining areas. Their political independence makes it possible to have a junk yard across a city or township line from a residential district on the other side of the fence.

Theoretically it would eliminate the politicizing which characterizes most local zoning.

The question mark in the idea is the broad brush Milliken puts to the can-

vas. Except for the people who live there, nobody gives much thought to whether the Village of Shoreham remains all houses or goes high rise or even accommodates an extension of the Continental Can plant because what transpires in those few square miles exerts little outreaching effect.

Carving up 57,000 square miles inhabited by nearly 10 million people into hard and fast usage zones is something else.

What the economic impact would be, particularly in light of Milliken's goal to upgrade Michigan's economy, gives pause for some head scratching.

The fact of Oregon, California, Vermont, Colorado and Florida moving toward what might be called a no growth posture, is an example to be read in both directions. It may be ecologically desirable, but can it be economically sustainable?

Milliken's message says it is possible to strike a livable medium between having one's cake and eating it. It has been demonstrated in some instances. The terrain, for example, can be restored to its natural state after being strip mined for coal. The process does add to the fuel's cost, but the expense is far less than failing to repair the ravaged surface.

Milliken's sense of urgency is on target.

Local zoning at best can only roll with the punch from sources emanating outside the local unit's borders. Furthermore, those in charge of local zoning do not look beyond their borders and politically, they dare not do so.

Consequently Milliken's statewide approach is a reminder of the old folklore that it requires a big dog to support big fleas.

If Michigan is to join in the statewide zoning parade, as circumstances indicate will be necessary, then the questions reduces to employing a workable solution.

We would compound that notion of two elements.

One would be the realism of not blocking off one area arbitrarily against another. For example, setting aside Area XYZ forever as a recreational spot when later events may uncover a latent economic value would work against the entire state.

The second is to draft a set of rules and regulations immune as possible from political caprice and yet not so inflexible as to put every person and each acre in a straitjacket.

## Important Asset

Plant resources have a number of values, not the least of which is their esthetic beauties. Another is the ability to regenerate themselves almost perpetually, in contrast to mineral deposits which seldom are replenishable.

A nation's forests are among its most valuable possessions. That is especially true today when timber is in heavy demand and supplies in some parts of the world are running short.

With careful husbandry, the balance between use and growth can be maintained. Nature reminds us that it takes much longer to grow a tree than to cut or burn one to the ground.

## So Who Do They Send To Keep The Peace?

### The Irish!



## Bruce Biossat

## Athabasca Oil Hard To Get



EDMONTON, ALTA. (NEA)

— The spurt of important new activity amid the sprawling Athabasca oil sands northeast of here gets its prod, of course, from the energy crisis, a rash of steep price hikes from many world producers, and the aggravations of a nagging Middle East war.

But what is stirring at Athabasca is the mere beginning of a very costly, arduous productive endeavor whose potentially great fruits — the steady output of large amounts of synthetic crude oil — will not be gained until at least the mid-1980s.

The world's great oil users, the industrial nations of North America, Europe and Japan, meantime face a terrible crunch. They will have to be ingenious, resourceful, sometimes unhealthily competitive though basically "friendly," to bridge the years from now until the 1980s when the big flows of synthetic crude can be realistically looked for.

The exciting real start of oil sands development at Athabasca obviously can't provide any immediate comfort to the citizenry of the United States, hit as they are by the war-induced Arab oil embargo, higher foreign oil prices, already-imposed mandatory fuel allocations and the prospect of serious gasoline and home-heating oil shortages.

Yet oil experts like C.O. Nickle in Calgary believe Americans should nevertheless welcome, encourage and promote to the fullest the oil sands projects. What they promise, he suggests, is the kind of "internal continental

## Marianne Meets Adrenalin Shot For The 'ERA'



## GLANCING BACKWARDS

### JOKES, SERIOUS TALK

#### MARK ISRAEL DINNER

— 1 Year Ago —

Yiddish humor, serious commentary and financial transactions were joined Sunday night in the Bonds for Israel banquet, and there was a special tribute for State Sen. Charles O. Zollar.

Zollar received an Israeli award for dedicated service to his community and the well being of the State of Israel, while a large bouquet of red roses was presented to Mrs. Zollar.

About 150 persons attended the banquet, termed a highlight, but not a climax to the bond drive by sponsors. The event was at Benton Harbor Holiday Inn. Sale of bonds for Israel helps finance that nation's economy, and while there wasn't time for total tallies last night, pledges announced dur-

ing the banquet totaled about \$41,200. The largest, from an anonymous donor, was for \$20,000. Next largest were \$5,000 each from Farmer and Merchants National bank and Palladium Publishing Co.

### LOCAL WOMAN HEADS SERVICE

— 10 Years Ago —

Lt. Col. Charlotte L. Nolan has been named chief of nursing service at William Beaumont General hospital by Brig. Gen. James B. Stapleton, Beaumont commander. Col. Nolan is the daughter of Mrs. Joseph E. Taglia, the sister of Miss Joanne Taglia and Mr. John E. Nolan, all of Bridgeman, and the sister of Paul A. Taglia of St. Joseph.

Shortly after graduating at the St. Francis Hospital School of

Nursing in Evanston, Ill., Colonel Nolan entered the Army in 1945.

### RIMES AND HILDEBRAND TO AID SIXTH LOAN

— 29 Years Ago —

Organization of the Sixth War Loan drive in St. Joseph is progressing favorably, Chairman Robert H. Ludwig reported today. The drive starts Nov. 20. The bulk of the industrial plants have been organized, Mr. Ludwig said, and attention this week will be given to the retail establishments of the city.

First retail store to be organized for the drive is the Rimes and Hildebrand department store. Mr. Ludwig met with the Rimes and Hildebrand employees a few nights ago, and they volunteered as a body to sell bonds in the Sixth War Loan drive. They have established a sales record in the Fourth War and Fifth War Loan drives that excels that of any other retail store in southwestern Michigan.

### RECORD CATCH

— 39 Years Ago —

Charles Roberts, who is spending the winter in Florida, carried off the honors on a fishing trip, landing a kingfish weighing 35 pounds. Mr. Roberts' catch hung up a new record for the season. On board the vessel going out from St. Petersburg was another St. Joseph resident, Paul Barlow.

### RETURNS TO DENVER

— 49 Years Ago —

Major D.J. Haynes, formerly of New Troy, who has been visiting in St. Joseph, has returned to Denver, Colo., where he is stationed.

### TAKES SALES POSITION

— 59 Years Ago —

Clarence Johnson has taken a position as salesman with F.A. Schoenberg and company.

### LEAVE ON EXPEDITION

— 83 Years Ago —

Joe Burkhardt, Dr. Ray, Dr. Scott and Joe Pearl have been on a month's hunting expedition in the northern peninsula.

### ANSWERS DR. HAMMILL

Editor,

It seems to me that our president was voted in by the people to advise us, not to dictate to us. Yet what he is now trying to do is turn our country into a dictatorship.

When are the people of this FREE country going to put an end to this farce before it is too late to do anything about it.

All Nixon has done is to make a mockery of our government. So far he has let prices far outrun our wages. Before long we won't have any wages left due to our government withholdings.

Now he wants to tell us how fast to drive, where to set our heat, and next he'll be telling us what to eat and where to live.

Is this the kind of government we want? I don't. I say impeach Nixon and get an honest man (if there is such a thing) to run our government. One that is interested in doing what he can do for them, not

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certain to approve. Illinois and Ohio are considered likely. It is in the other states that the toughest battles will be fought.

The principal remaining opposition to ERA comes from conservative Catholic organizations and a loose coalition of ultraconservative groups responsive to the John Birch Society. There are also scattered individual male chauvinists dedicated to the proposition that it is more important for women to have segregated bathrooms than equal social, economic, and legal opportunity.

What caused the AFL-CIO, that bastion of white male superiority, to see the light? In the year since ERA passed Congress, Andrew Biemiller, the AFL-CIO legislative chief, has consistently been "too busy" to grant an appointment to any woman's organization lobbying for ratification. There is no evidence that any member of big labor's male hierarchy has changed his attitude toward women.

It was strictly a political decision. The AFL-CIO was uncomfortable with its ultraconservative allies. In Nebraska and Missouri, for instance, the unions realized they were cooperating with groups that were fighting ERA on one hand but preparing to campaign for a right-to-work law on the other hand. In effect, the unions were strengthening groups that were out to bring them down.

In addition, the AFL-CIO had lost its official rationale for resisting ERA. Union officials had argued that ratification would eliminate the so-called protective laws under which in some states women have been exempt from certain working conditions considered to be hardships. But Federal courts have recently struck down those laws as discriminatory under the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

And there was mounting pressure from women union members. Several AFL-CIO unions, including the Communications Workers, the Electrical Workers, the American Newspaper Guild, and the American Federation of Teachers, were independently supporting ERA and helped to mobilize support for the official reversal of position. Wives of the male delegates added to the pressure on their husbands.



"Now that you've finished the fuel oil shortage study, here's the forecast for the winter — the woolly bear caterpillar report!"

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ST. JOSEPH, MICH. MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1973

Twin City  
Highlights

## Teen Industrialists Enthusiastic *500 Apply For 120 Job Openings In JA*

By BILL RUSH  
Staff Writer

The second-year program of Junior Achievement of Blossomland, Inc., is underway with the formation of six JA mini-companies by high school students from the Twin Cities and Lakeshore area.

More than 500 students from Benton Harbor, Lakeshore and Lake Michigan Catholic high schools applied for JA's 120 openings. The excess applications go on a waiting list.

The six mini-companies have already started production and sale of company products. Products are sold door-to-door and through displays at local stores. Each company also has a capitalization of \$100 shares of stock which are sold at \$100 in stock which is sold at \$1 per share.

About 80 area businesses contributed more than \$16,000 last May in support of this year's program. The JA center is located at 813 Highland Avenue,

St. Joseph, behind the Ridge and Kramer Motor Supply Company.

The purpose of JA is to foster an understanding of business enterprise and help students measure their vocational desires in real-life business activity.

A total of 19 advisers from 12 area businesses participate in the program with a 26-member board of directors.

JA was active in the Twin Cities area from 1951 to 1963. In

April 1972, the program was reactivated through efforts of the Rotary Club.

Last year the JA mini-companies had total sales of \$4,800. From sales companies deduct taxes, expenses, wages and salaries. During company liquidation in the spring, about 90 per cent of the profits are returned to stockholders by dividend and the rest to the JA center as a donation.

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first year banquet was held in May at the D.A.N.K. (German American Congress) Hall in Sodus township with awards presented to the top company and salesman and to top achievers, officers and advisers. About 250 businessmen, sponsors, parents and achievers attended.

The six JA mini-companies and their products are: Better Business Enterprises (BBE), door mats; Students in Business (SIB), fire starters and pizza sheets; PAPCO, paperette (newspaper rack); Students as Self-Company (SASCO), auto trouble light; Junior Achievement Company B.J.A.C.B message center; and STRIVE, bicycle safety flags.

Company officers and advisers are:

BBE: president, Tom Strzyzowski, Lake Michigan Catholic high school senior; secretary, Roberta Richards, Lakeshore sophomore; treasurer, Jane Klassen, Lakeshore senior; vice president of sales, Joanne Meister, Benton Harbor senior; vice president of manufacturing, Jim Starks, St. Joseph junior; and vice president of personnel Dale Davis, Lakeshore junior.

Advisers are: Betty O'Malley, group chief operator; Tom Fanning, outside representative; and Frankie Weber, station installation supervisor all with Michigan Bell.

SIB: president, Bob Burkholz, Lake Michigan Catholic junior; secretary, Cindy Hines, Lakeshore senior; treasurer, Pam Smith, Lakeshore senior; vice president of sales, Ann Dubinsky, Benton Harbor junior; vice president of manufacturing, David Small, Lakeshore senior; and vice president of personnel, Debbie Owens, Lakeshore senior.

Advisers are: Bob Stacey, production control manager Ernie Steinke, sales order coordinator; and Orvita Harris, secretary marketing department, all with Clark Equipment Company.

PAPCO: president, Rhonda Avery, Lakeshore senior; secretary, Pat Atkins, Benton Harbor senior; treasurer, Lisa Bailey, Lakeshore junior; vice president of sales, Michele Dudley, Benton Harbor junior; vice president of manufacturing, Tim Friske, Lakeshore junior; and vice president of personnel, Jane Godfrey, Lakeshore junior.

Advisers are: Alfred Thorncroft, advertising manager with Cast Manufacturing; Ron Jaworski, internal consultant with New Products Corporation; Dolores Baker, clerk-personnel department, and Mike Sumwalt, systems analyst, both with Clark Equipment Company.

SASCO: president, Jo Hudson, Lakeshore senior; secretary, Cathy Sickels, Lake Michigan Catholic senior; treasurer, Irene Peters, Benton Harbor junior; vice president of sales, Paula Fleetwood, Benton Harbor senior; vice president of manufacturing, Jim Bolyard, Benton Harbor junior; and vice



**JA PRODUCT FOR SALE:** Students in the Junior Achievement company, Better Business Enterprises (BBE), discuss plans for production and marketing of the company product, door mats. From left: Frank Weber, station installation supervisor for Michigan Bell and adviser to BBE; June Nelson, senior at Lake Michigan Catholic high school; Jim Starks, vice president of manufacturing for BBE, a junior at St. Joseph high school and one of two students to receive awards last year as outstanding achievers; and Annette Davis, a junior at Benton Harbor high school.

president of personnel, Alice Palmer, Benton Harbor sophomore; treasurer Renita Crenshaw, Benton Harbor sophomore.

Advisers are: James Bowser, director of technical services with Burch Printers; Les Arend, retired from Whirlpool Corporation; and Chris Hertel, assistant division manager with Sears & Roebuck.

JACB: president, Kerry Nye, Lakeshore senior; secretary, Felecia Caldwell, Benton Harbor sophomore; treasurer Renita Crenshaw, Benton Harbor senior; treasurer, Shannon Murphy, Benton Harbor senior; vice president of sales, Tom Nelson, Lakeshore junior; vice president of personnel, Peggy Roots, Lakeshore sophomore.

Advisers are: Stephen Banyon, advertising and sales with The News-Palladium; Tom Reule, tool engineer with Modern Plastics; and John Hudson, senior manufacturing engineer with Bendix Corporation.

STRIVE: president, Lyn Tober, Coloma high school senior; secretary, Robin Tober, Benton Harbor senior; treasurer, Shannon Murphy, Benton Harbor senior; vice president of sales, Tom Nelson, Lakeshore junior; vice president of manufacturing, Carol Albers, Benton Harbor junior; and vice president of personnel, Michelle King, Benton Harbor sophomore.

Advisers are: Dennis Tuttle, sales manager of Skidmore Corporation; Jere Spence, department assistant, and Mick Hartung, commercial sales engineer, both with I & M Electric Company.

The JA staff this year consists of: program director, Howard Nahikian, supervisor of factory payroll and labor auditing at Whirlpool's St. Joseph division; assistant program director, Donald Hettig, maintenance planner at Whirlpool's St. Joseph division; and secretary, Carol Nahikian, housewife.

Officers of the JA Blossomland board of directors are: president, Ray Briggs, district manager with Michigan Bell; vice-president, Charles Johnson, vice-president of manufacturing at Clark Equipment Company; Howard Nagle, an agent with American United Life Insurance Company; and David Ohman, a branch manager with Farmers & Merchants Bank.



**OFFICERS INSTALLED:** Warren Gast, vice-president of Gast Manufacturing Company of Bennington, installed student officers for Junior Achievement of Blossomland Inc. during ceremonies last week. With Gast is Rhonda Avery, a Lakeshore high school senior, installed as president of PAPCO. One of two students who received awards as outstanding achievers in last year's JA program, she displays the PAPCO company product called a paperette (newspaper rack). (Staff photos)

**BUSINESS GUIDANCE:** Twin City area businesses and industries provide advice to Junior Achievement of Blossomland, Inc. JA this year has 19 advisers from local business and industry helping students in the production and sale of products. Sitting is Robert Burkholz, Lake Michigan Catholic high school junior, who was installed as president of the JA mini-company, Students in Business (SIB). Standing from left and all from Clark Equipment



**JA READY TO GO:** Charters were issued and officers installed last week for the second year program of the Twin Cities and Lakeshore area's junior achievement program. From left standing are: Dennis Tuttle, sales manager of Skidmore Corporation and an adviser to the JA company, STRIVE, which produces bicycle safety flags; and Merrill Sperger, general manager of Skidmore

Corporation and a guest executive. From left sitting are: Shannon Murphy, Benton Harbor senior and STRIVE treasurer; Lyn Tober, Coloma high school senior and STRIVE president; Robin Tober, Benton Harbor senior and STRIVE secretary; and Michelle King, Benton Harbor sophomore and STRIVE vice-president of personnel.

## Chicagoan Wanted To Get Warm

Benton Harbor police arrested a Chicagoan found seated in a chair inside the sales room of Schroeder Buick agency, 204 West Main street, shortly before 6 a.m. Sunday.

Officers said they were greeted by the statement, "Here I am," as they entered the building after finding a broken window at the rear. The man told officers he wanted to get out of the cold, after missing a bus.

Booked on a charge of breaking and entering was Roger W. Johnson, 44. Police said the prosecutor's office will review the incident to determine further action.

### Less Support

PRINCETON, N.J. (AP) — Republicans in the House of Representatives have less public support than they have had in 38 years, according to the latest Gallup Poll.



**800 IN MASS BAND SHOW AT LAKESHORE:** Director Arnold Lesser leads approximately 800 musicians at the halftime of the Lakeshore-Lake Michigan Catholic football game Saturday. Included in the group was the senior high school band of 200

members, the junior high A and B bands of 245 members, 155 sixth graders and 220 fifth graders. The senior band played "Top of the Heap" in honor of Lakeshore's Blossomland League champs, the

junior high bands played "King of the Road" and "With A Little Help from Our Friends," the sixth graders played "America" and the fifth graders "Mary Had a Little Lamb." (Staff Photo)

## BH School Board Meets Tonight

Benton Harbor board of education will hold its regular meeting tonight confronted by a broad agenda.

Matters for board discussion range from the energy crisis to a new organizational chart for district administration.

The meeting will be at 7:30 in Bierman library at senior high.

## Caught In Corn Picker

HARTFORD — David Rittase, 39, 72nd avenue, Hartford, was listed in good condition this morning at Memorial hospital, St. Joseph, with injuries he received yesterday afternoon when his right arm was caught by a corn picker.

According to state police at Paw Paw, Rittase was attempting to adjust the unit with the motor running when his arm became entangled in moving parts.

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## SCHOOLS WILL COUNT HEADS AGAIN

# Troubled Districts Await State Aid Decision

By PATRICK CONNOLY

Associated Press Writer

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — The big issue that the legislature hoped to resolve last week — school aid — still faces lawmakers this week.

Local elections around the state called many legislators away from Lansing last week. Issue juggling between the two houses, normally a tricky business, was made more difficult by absenteeism while lawmakers politicked at home for themselves or their friends.

House Speaker William Ryan, D-Detroit, a legislative veteran, concluded routinely that normal business would be impossible and canceled sessions last Monday and Tuesday.

The Republican Senate, however, met both those days, local elections notwithstanding.

Then the House met Friday, while the Senate went home for a three-day weekend.

The legislative hopscotch continues this week. The Senate meets tonight but the House stays away in observance of Veterans Day.

The weeklong absence of Democratic Sen. Coleman Young, Detroit mayor-elect, caused postponement of final Senate action on a bill that would provide financially troubled districts with alternate count dates upon which state aid is based.

Gilbert Bursley, R-Ann Arbor, Senate Education Committee chairman, agreed to stall a final vote until this week so Young could study Senate amendments and join the debate.

The measure, heavily amended from an earlier House-passed version, is expected to go to conference committee before landing on the governor's desk.

All Michigan school districts should be able to meet payrolls through Nov. 23, Bursley said.

Three districts — Detroit, Flint Beecher and Inkster — were closed by teacher strikes the fourth Friday after Labor Day, when attendance traditionally is recorded to determine how much state money districts will get! The bill is aimed specifically at helping those districts, but the state's 600-plus other districts will get a chance to count heads on three different dates and select the

highest enrollment figure for applying for state aid.

The alternate count dates would be the second Friday in November — last Friday — and the fourth Friday after classes resume.

Both those dates have passed, but Bursley said schools have taken student headcounts continually and only need to submit them when the bill is passed.

Detroit school officials said the six-week-long teacher strike cost the district about 4,000 students, which may cost the district a good chunk of state aid. Some students enrolled in other schools because of the strike while others simply decided to drop out, officials said.

Metropolitan area Democrats oppose a Senate GOP amendment that would grant full state aid only to districts with at least 70 percent attendance on the count date. Anything below that would get state money pro-rated on a percentage basis.

House Democrats earlier tacked on an amendment to allow full state aid if only 50 percent attendance was recorded. Detroit and

other urban areas historically have worse attendance records than outstate districts.

A controversial measure to let doctors render contraceptive services to minors without parental consent is set for final Senate action Tuesday. If passed, the bill would have to go through the House/Senate supporters of the bill postponed action last week after defeat of a proposal that would have allowed open display of contraceptive devices in drug stores if accompanied by literature on venereal disease.

The Senate also plans to consider a resolution to let county and township officials and circuit, district and probate judges run for election in odd-numbered years.

The measure would place an amendment to the Michigan Constitution on next November's ballot. The constitution now forces local officials to run in increasingly crowded even-year elections with presidents, U.S. senators and congressmen.

The resolution, sponsored by Sen. Milton Zaagman, R-Grand Rapids, aims at slashing "bedsheet ballots" and making local candidates more than just other faces in the crowd.

## Outstanding 4-H Youngsters Honored

By NICK SMITH

Staff Writer

Gail Chesnut of Three Oaks and Dean Radewald of Niles were named the 1973 Outstanding

## Smashups Kill 11

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Traffic accidents caused at least 11 deaths in Michigan over the weekend and three of those killed were pedestrians.

The trio who lost their lives while walking were Larry Gadwell, 13, of Southgate, Mary Ritz, 55, of Dearborn Heights, and Edward Mayer, 64, of Menominee. All died Saturday near their homes.

Other fatalities:

Richard A. Smith, 39 of Portland, died Friday in Ionia County's Boston Township when his car was involved in a rear-end collision.

David P. Marquedant, 19, of Brooklyn, died when his car ran off a road and struck a tree Saturday in Jackson County's Columbia Township.

Richard Mansfield, 41, of Grand Rapids, was killed Saturday in Easton of Montcalm County when his car struck a tree.

Thomas J. Dunn, 24 of Jackson, died Saturday when he was thrown from his car after it left a road in Jackson County's Hanover Township.

William P. Coffman, 66, of Stanton, Va., lost his life Saturday on Interstate 94 in Jackson County in a two-car collision.

Reed Damron, 48, of Marion, was killed Saturday on U.S. 10 in Midland County's Warren Township when his car ran off the road.

Metta I. Smojice, 53, of Detroit, died Saturday in a three-vehicle collision in Detroit.

Frances A. Desonia, 47, of Genesee County's rural Davison Township, was killed when the car in which she was riding and another collided.

ing 4-H Boy and Girl at the annual Berrien county 4-H award program Saturday night in the Berrien Springs high school auditorium.

Some 150 persons were on hand to see 64 Berrien 4-H'ers receive awards and project honors. According to Larry Cushman, Berrien county 4-H agent, there are over 5,000 Berrien youngsters involved in 4-H activities.

The Outstanding Boy and Girl awards are sponsored by the Benton Harbor Exchange Club as a memorial to Leo Stanley, a long-time Berrien county agricultural educator.

Miss Chesnut is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Chesnut. She has been active in 4-H for nine years and was the State's 4-H awards winner for beef this year. She is enrolled at Western Michigan university, and plans to become a 4-H extension agent.

Radewald is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Radewald. An eight-year 4-H member and a senior at Niles high school, he represented Berrien county this summer at the National 4-H Citizenship School in Washington, D.C.

Gayle Long, of Watervliet, and Dan Atherton, of Coloma, were presented the "I Dare You Award" as runners-up to the Leo Stanley award.

Nine youngsters who demonstrated exceptional leadership in 4-H received the Michigan 4-H Key Club Award. They were Dean and Jean Radewald, Niles; Connie Dunbar and Glenda Jury, Buchanan; Kathy Steinke, St. Joseph; Cheryl Barry, Benton Harbor; Kaye Fritz, Baroda; Dan Atherton and Kathryn Schmuhl, Coloma.

Twenty-one Berrien 4-H'ers received senior plaques for completing eight or more years in 4-H and graduating from high school last June. They are: Linda Getz, Stevensville; Gayle Long and Paula Schmaltz, Watervliet; Terry Miller, Mike Gibson, Lois Radewald, Lynn Wagner and Dennis Naturalski, Niles; Roberta Kubsch, Berrien

Lausman; Home environment — Kathy Nitz, Rick Lausman and Sherrie Lausman;

Home management — Kathryn Schmuhl, Roberta Kubisch, Kay Fritz and Kathy Steinke;

Safety — Vern Radewald; Veterinary science — Dan Atherton.

Saturday night's event was sponsored by the Berrien 4-H clubs, the County 4-H foundation and Leaders association.



LIFE IS CHANGING: Mrs. Elizabeth Ford, wife of Vice President-designate Gerald Ford, answers a question during an interview in their home in suburban Alexandria, Va. Mrs. Ford said life just isn't what it used to be. (AP Wirephoto)

## \$200, Million For Horsing Around

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP)

— Whether dwindling gasoline supplies are responsible remains to be seen, but Michigan residents are frequently following that turn-of-the-century adage: "Get a

horse population in Michigan is increasing by 10 percent a year, reports W. Bryce McGinnis of Davison, president of the Michigan Quarter Horse Association. Most of the animals are used for pleasure, he said.

McGinnis says horses are a \$20 million a year business in Michigan. He notes each of the state's 200,000 horses requires roughly \$1,000 a year in food, care and maintenance such as veterinary service.

Wayne County, which has the state's heaviest urban population, also has the most horses. McGinnis said other highly populated areas, such as Oakland, Washtenaw, Kent and Genesee counties, also have large numbers of horses.

McGinnis, a suburban insurance agent, was interviewed during a horse show sponsored by the Michigan State University Continuing Education and Cooperative Extension Service.

He said people who want to own horses seek land on which to keep them, so they move to the country where they can acquire two to 10 acres.

The suburban ring of horseowners surrounding metropolitan areas probably causes more zoning problems than any other matter, he said.

About \$26 million a year is generated for the state's general fund by the horse industry, primarily from pari-mutuel betting, he said, and a little more than half makes its way back to the horse industry.

Michigan also is among the top states in the union in the number of 4-H Club horse projects, with more than 15,500. Each involves a youth and one or more horses.

McGinnis said there is an "amazing lack of information on the part of the general public with regard to the importance of the horse to the state of Michigan."

"The unresponsiveness of legislators to horse legislation, particularly in matters related to horse health and facilities for enjoying horses, is alarming," McGinnis said.

"No, I don't," she said after hesitating a moment. "Because frankly, Jerry has such tremendous faith and belief in the President, and I myself, personally feel that Jerry can be

"shudder," she said.

Sitting in a living room decorated in aqua and beige, Mrs. Ford talked, among other things, about Watergate.

"I think that really and truly it will probably take a long time to get to the bottom of the testimony and tapes, etc. But I think that in the end, it's going to work out all right for President Nixon," she said.

Does she worry about her husband joining an administration beset by political scandal and controversy?

"No, I don't," she said after hesitating a moment. "Because frankly, Jerry has such tremendous faith and belief in the President, and I myself, personally feel that Jerry can be

of great help." Elizabeth Bloomer Ford, at 55, has been a congressional wife almost half her life. She married the former Big Ten football star in October 1948, only a few weeks after he was elected to the House from Michigan's 5th District, which includes the furniture-making city of Grand Rapids.

But Mrs. Ford conceded that over the years, being married to an ambitious politician hasn't always been easy. At one point, she said she started seeing a psychiatrist.

"Jerry was gone a great deal of the time," she said. "...so I really had the responsibility of raising the children. So the physiotherapist and the doctors I was going to ... recommended

Utility Request Studied

SOUTH HAVEN — A special meeting of the South Haven city council will be held at 5 p.m. Tuesday in the city hall to review the request of a local businessman for water and sewer services to his new auto agency in South Haven.

Russ Hyma Chevrolet is seeking the services for his dealership on M-140 near Blue Star Memorial highway.

The city council last month imposed a moratorium on extending water and sewer lines into adjacent townships until a master agreement governing all future extensions is adopted.

Hyma contends that a 1962 agreement between the city and the former owner of the property he purchased obligates the city to give him sewer service.

Over the fireplace is a color picture of the Fords and Nixons on the night Nixon nominated Ford to be his next vice president. The inscription reads: "To Betty and Jerry Ford, with happy memories of a surprise announcement." Richard Nixon."



OUTSTANDING 4-H BOY AND GIRL: Gail Chestnut of Three Oaks (left) and Dean Radewald of Niles (right) were named Outstanding 4-H Boy and Girl Saturday night at Berrien county 4-H awards program at Berrien Springs high school. Presenting the award is Dave Ohman, (center), president of the Benton Harbor Exchange club, sponsor of awards. (Staff photo)

president of the 4-H leaders association; Kathy Steinke, of St. Joseph; Jean Radewald, of Niles and Cheryl Barry, of Benton Harbor. Also receiving the award but not pictured are Connie Dunbar and Glenda Jury, of Buchanan, and Kaye Fritz, of Baroda. (Staff photo)